

## **HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST/ INTERN**

A hearing instrument specialist specializes in dispensing or fitting hearing aids, tests customers hearing, confers with customers concerning particular hearing needs, demonstrating use of aid to customers, fitting or sizing hearing aids, replacing defective parts or making repairs to equipment returned by customers.

**OES - SOC Code: 29-1199**

### **Fees:**

Application Fee	\$ 100.00
Renewal Fee	\$ 50.00
Application Fee - Intern	\$ 25.00
Renewal Date	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> even years.
Number of Utah Licensee's	58
Utah Statute/Rule	<b>58-46a, R156-46a.</b>

### **Requirements:**

Each applicant for license as a hearing instrument specialist shall:

1. Submit to the division an application in a form prescribed by the division.
2. Pay a fee as determined by the department pursuant to Section 63-38-3.2.
3. Have successfully completed 2,000 hours of practice as a hearing instrument intern within the state of which the first 1,000 hours shall be under direct supervision by a supervising hearing instrument specialist and the remaining 1,000 hours under direct or indirect supervision by a supervising hearing instrument specialist; or demonstrate successful practice for the equivalent of two years of full-time practice as a licensed hearing instrument specialist in another state requiring license and practice in conformity with defined lawful and professional standards of practice.
4. Have qualified for and currently hold board certification by the National Board for Certification - Hearing Instrument Sciences, or an equivalent certification approved by the division in collaboration with the board.
5. Have passed the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Hearing Instrument Specialists.
6. If the applicant holds a hearing instrument intern license, surrender the hearing instrument intern license at the time of license as a hearing instrument specialist.

Each applicant for licensure as a hearing instrument intern shall:

7. Submit to the division an application in a form prescribed by the division.
8. Pay a fee as determined by the department pursuant to Section 63-38-3.2.
9. Have successfully completed the National Institute for Hearing studies education and examination program designated for individuals entering the field of hearing instrument sciences as approved by the division in collaboration with the board, or an equivalent education and examination program approved by the division in collaboration with the board.

10. Have passed the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Hearing Instrument Specialists; and present evidence acceptable to the division and the board that the applicant, when licensed, will practice as a hearing instrument intern only under supervision of a supervising hearing instrument specialist as required under Subsection (1)(d).

**Regulatory Agency:**

Department of Commerce  
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing  
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**Professional Associations & Organizations:**

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